उपाय तथा पड़ोसी राज्यों/क्षेत्रों से सहायता की व्यवस्था आदि शामिल है।

Problems Created by Enron Company

1423. SHRI O.S. MANIAN:
SHRI R. MARGABANDU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Enron Company has created some legal and other problems in some States while setting up power plants;

(b) if so, whether Goverment have warned the company and restricted its functions in the country;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Enron Company is being awarded several contracts in Tamil Nadu by violating the norms set by the Central Government; and

(d) what action Government have taken in the matter to avoid unwarranted legal battles and save huge expenditure from the exchequer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) The Government have not received any intimation about Enron Company having created certain legal and other problems in some states while setting up power plants.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Central Government is not aware of any contracts being awarded for power projects, by the State Government of Tamil Nadu to the Enron Company.

(d) Does not arise.

CAG Report on Power Grid Corporation

1424. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI PARAG CHALIHA:
SHRI O.P. KOHLI:
SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Comptroller and Auditor General has indicted the Power Grid Corporation of India for the import of Emergency Restoration System equipment, as reported in the Hindustan Times dated the 11th February, 1997;

(b) whether it is also a fact that because of over pricing by the vendors, the Power Grid Corporation incurred extra expenditure of 75.18 percent i.e. Rs. 23.81 crores on this import;

(c) whether this expenditure was outside the budgetary outlay of the Corporation, as approved by Government; and

(d) what action Government have taken/propose to take against the erring officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) and (b) A draft audit para regarding Purchase of Emergency Restoration Systems has been sent to this Ministry by the Principal Director of Commercial Audit on which the comments of this Ministry have been sought. The comments of this Ministry will be sent to the Principal Director of Commercial Audit. The CAG will finalise the report after taking into consideration the clarifications/comments furnished by this Ministry.

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of (a) & (b) above.

Procedure to set up Power Projects in the Private Sector

1425. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the liberalised procedure to set up power plants in the Private Sector; and

(b) the action taken to privatise the power transmission so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) In the context of paucity of resources in the public